

4 March 1982

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Nicosia Bureau--February 1982

I. GENERAL

Nicosia was decked out in spite of a rare rainy weekend for the 27 February-1 March visit by Greek Prime Minister Andreas Papandreou, the first visit to Cyprus by a Greek prime minister. Papandreou's motorcade was welcomed to Nicosia with banners flying overhead and throngs (or what passes for throngs in Cyprus) lining the parade route, all of which could be seen and heard from the Bureau's front balcony. The visit came amid forewarnings of significant changes in the Cyprus talks situation, marked by a surprise trip to Athens by Cypriot President Kiprianou just last week and the increased expression of pessimism by the Greek side on the utility of the current intercommunal talks process.

Tension has increased in the Middle East as the 25 April date for the Israeli withdrawal from the Sinai approaches. Although both Egypt and Israel remain adamant withdrawal will proceed as planned, suspicion is building concerning possible changes in Egypt's peace policy once the Sinai is recovered. At the start of the month, Egyptian President Mubarak made a whirlwind tour to six West European countries and the United States and at midmonth a short visit to Oman, which figured heavily in the Bureau's file for the month and which seemed to emphasize rather than minimize differences between the Camp David process parties. Coverage of domestic unrest in Syria and two prolonged plane hijackings also contributed to a particularly heavy file for a February.

Bureau Chief [] and Arabic Section Chief [] returned to Cairo on 28 February on a second Arabic monitor recruiting trip. Although the Bureau initially had had very limited expectations about the availability of acceptable monitors in Egypt, we were inundated with nearly 100 applications from two rounds of newspaper advertisements. Of this total, 16 applicants qualified with promising written tests and good backgrounds, and, pending further interviews and listening tests, we are fairly confident the Bureau will be able to pick up one or two first-rate prospects. Efforts have also begun locally to hire an additional teletypist for a new, recently authorized slot.

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II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Nicosia's contract Turkish monitor [] returned to duty following medical treatment in London, and Nicosia reassumed Turkish press coverage from Tel Aviv Bureau on 22 February.

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2. Coverage of the clandestine Voice of The Lebanese Armenians radio in Armenian has been transferred to Gulf Bureau with Nicosia pouching tapes of the 1330-1430 GMT Tuesday through Saturday casts to Gulf weekly.

3. Delayed-processing coverage of Tashkent Uighur broadcasts was transferred to Gulf Bureau effective 8 February.

4. On 10 February, the Bureau started covering the 0330-0400 GMT broadcast of the clandestine Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran radio instead of the 1805-1900 GMT cast, which is now used as a backstop, because of a change in the relative reception of the two casts.

B. Lateral Services

1. At BBC request, Nicosia backstop recorded the 1030 and 1630 GMT broadcasts of Tehran Domestic Service in Persian, in addition to the 2030 GMT cast it normally backstops, for the 10-25 February period. The request was initially made to aid coverage of the 11 February third anniversary of Khomeyni's assumption of power, but it was extended subsequently due to rumors Khomeyni had died. The Bureau provided two phonepatches to BBC, totaling 22 minutes.

2. At BBC request, the Bureau assumed coverage of Moscow Greek 1600-1630 and 1900-1930 GMT broadcasts from 23 January to 26 February.

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4. In response to a request from the U.S. Embassy in Nicosia, the Bureau provided excerpts of the press version text of a speech AKEL (Communist Party) Secretary General Papaioannou made in which he strongly criticized the United States. The Bureau had previously filed a radio report on the speech, but the report did not contain the anti-U.S. comments the Embassy was interested in.

C. Technical

New monitorial desk units with electric typewriters have been installed. In the future, each monitorial position will be able to select individual antennas. Radio interference-free lighting has also been installed throughout the Bureau.

III. ADMINISTRATION

The Bureau celebrated FBIS' 41st anniversary at a coffee, complete with birthday cake, on 26 February, during which teletypist [redacted] was presented a 10-year service certificate, new Arabic monitor [redacted]

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[redacted] was formally welcomed and departing Arabic monitor [redacted] who resigns effective 6 March to pursue architectural studies in the States, was bid farewell.

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Acting Nicosia Bureau Chief

Attachment:
Production Report

NICOSIA BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY 1982

I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	444,600
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH:	134,000
(WIREFILED PROGRAM SUMMARIES	56,600)
(FYI'S, ADMINS, SVC., CRUISING, ETC.	77,400)
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH:	1,198

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II. INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:

(MINUTE OR ISSUES PER WEEK)	10,360	21,630	190
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III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:

(PUBLISHABLE WORDS PER MONTH)

CHINA	
BEIJING IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN AND AFGHANISTAN	100

CLANDESTINE	
(CLANDESTINE) FREE VOICE OF IRAN IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	18,400
(CLANDESTINE) RADIO IRAN IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	7,300
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF IRAN IN	
PERSIAN	12,600
(CLANDESTINE) VOICE OF PALESTINE IN	
ARABIC	25,000

CYPRUS	
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ENGLISH	0
NICOSIA DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	22,000
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN GREEK	1,400
NICOSIA DOMESTIC TELEVISION SERVICE IN ENGLISH	300
NICOSIA ALITHIA IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA BOZKURT IN TURKISH	0
NICOSIA CYPRUS MAIL IN ENGLISH	3,700
NICOSIA DHIMOKRATIA IN GREEK	1,400
NICOSIA ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA HALKIN SESI IN TURKISH	0
NICOSIA I DHILINI IN GREEK	700
NICOSIA I DHIMOKRATIKI IN GREEK	300
NICOSIA I ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK	1,700
NICOSIA I SIMERINI IN GREEK	1,500
NICOSIA KHARAVYI IN GREEK	5,000
NICOSIA KIBRIS IN ENGLISH	300
NICOSIA O AGON IN GREEK	500
NICOSIA O ANEXARTITOS IN GREEK	0
NICOSIA O FILELEUTHEROS IN GREEK	700
NICOSIA O KIRIKAS IN GREEK	100
NICOSIA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN ENGLISH	0

NICOSIA PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICE IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA TA NEA IN GREEK		300
NICOSIA THE CYPRUS WEEKLY IN ENGLISH		400
NICOSIA TO VIMA IN GREEK		0
NICOSIA THE NORTHERN WEEKLY MAIL IN ENGLISH		1,400
EGYPT		
CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE IN ARABIC	44,300	
CAIRO MENA IN ARABIC		60,200
CAIRO MENA IN ENGLISH		20,000
FRANCE		
PARIS AFP IN ENGLISH		93,600
GREECE		
ATHENS DOMESTIC SERVICE IN GREEK	12,200	
ATHENS ARMED FORCES RADIO IN GREEK	7,600	
ATHENS AKROPOLIS IN GREEK		700
ATHENS AURIANI IN GREEK		0
ATHENS ELEUTHEROS KOSMOS IN GREEK		300
ATHENS ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		1,500
ATHENS EXORMISI IN GREEK		1,200
ATHENS I AUYI IN GREEK		3,700
ATHENS I KATHIMERINI IN GREEK		800
ATHENS KIRIAKATIKI ELEUTHEROTIPIA IN GREEK		1,400
ATHENS MESIMURINI IN GREEK		300

ATHENS NEA PORIA IN	
GREEK	0
ATHENS NEWS IN	
ENGLISH	1,100
ATHENS RIZOSPASTIS IN	
GREEK	4,900
ATHENS TO VIMA IN	
GREEK	3,000

IRAQ	
BAGHDAD IN	
PERSIAN TO IRAN	2,700

LEBANON	
BEIRUT DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	25,500
BEIRUT VOICE OF LEBANON IN	
ARABIC	19,400
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ARABIC	2,200
MARJ 'UYUN LEBANON VOICE OF HOPE IN	
ENGLISH	200
BEIRUT MONDAY MORNING IN	
ENGLISH	17,800

LIBYA	
TRIPOLI DOMESTIC SERVICE IN	
ARABIC	5,400

TURKEY	
ANKARA ARAYIS IN	
TURKISH	0
ANKARA YANKI IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL CUMHURİYET IN	
TURKISH	1,700
ISTANBUL DUNYA IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL GUNAYDIN IN	
TURKISH	0

ISTANBUL HURRIYET IN	
TURKISH	800
ISTANBUL HILLIYET IN	
TURKISH	0
ISTANBUL TERCUMAN IN	
TURKISH	1,000

UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLIC	
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO CYPRUS	2,300
MOSCOW IN	
GREEK TO GREECE	3,400

UNITED KINGDOM	
WESTGATE-ON-SEA ENGLAND E'DAM IN	
PERSIAN	300